

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A {The] method of treating a [the] surface of a **polyethylene** [polyolefin] object to obtain a permanently textured surface which comprises:
 - a. coating the surface with a mixture of a tackifier and **polyethylene** [polyolefin] powder in a liquid carrier;
 - b. incorporating inorganic particulate solids having a size range passing a 15 mesh standard screen size into the coating;
 - c. drying the coating and heating the coating and surface to the melt temperature of said **coating and** surface for a sufficient time to fuse the coating into the surface of the **polyethylene** [polyolefin] object but insufficient to cause thermal distortion of the polyolefin object.
2. (withdrawn) The method of claim 1 wherein the polyolefin object is a polyethylene object.
3. (withdrawn) The method of claim 2 wherein the polyolefin powder is polyethylene powder.
4. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 [3] wherein the particles of the polyethylene powder have a size range less than 140 microns.
5. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 [3] wherein said tackifier is an aliphatic or cycloaliphatic hydrocarbon resin.

6. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said tackifier and polyethylene [polyolefin] powder are present in proportions from 15 to 30 weight percent tackifier and from 85 to 70 weight percent polyethylene [polyolefin] powder.

7. (previously presented) The method of claim 6 wherein said liquid carrier is a hydrocarbon solvent.

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 6 wherein said liquid carrier is water and including sufficient surfactant to disperse the active ingredients in water.

9. (currently amended) The method to prepare a permanently textured surface on a polyethylene object which comprises:

a. coating a polyethylene surface of said object with a mixture of a hydrocarbon tackifier resin and polyethylene powder in proportions from 15 to 30 weight percent tackifier and from 85 to 70 weight percent polyethylene powder. in a liquid carrier;

b. incorporating inorganic solids having a size range passing a 15 mesh standard screen size into the coating;

c. heating said surface and coating to a temperature of 250° to 350° F. for sufficient time to melt said coating and surface and fuse the coating into said surface without causing the object to distort or warp.

10. (previously presented) The method of claim 9 wherein the particles of the polyethylene powder have a size range less than 140 microns.

11.. (previously presented) The method of claim 9 wherein said tackifier is an aliphatic or cycloaliphatic hydrocarbon resin.

12. (previously presented) The method of claim 9 wherein said liquid carrier is a hydrocarbon solvent.

13. (previously presented) The method of claim 9 wherein said liquid carrier is water and including sufficient surfactant to disperse the active ingredients in water.